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PACKETIZED NETWORKS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Following a telephone conversation with the Examiner on July 16, 2007, please amend the application as follows: